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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 4-5 as follows:

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—This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application
Number 60/272,146, filed February 28, 2001, which is incorporated by reference
herein.—

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, lines 6-23 as follows:

A2
—Further embodiments of the invention relate to attrition resistant catalyst
material which comprises attrition resistant microspheroidal particles as catalyst support.
In accordance with these embodiments, a catalytically active component is applied to
attrition resistant microspheroidal particles. The catalytically active component may be
applied to attrition resistant microspheroidal particles by any known method which
results in the integration of the catalytically active component with the attrition resistant
microspheroidal particles, thereby forming a catalyst material. Preferably, the
catalytically active component is applied to the attrition resistant microspheroidal
particles by any known method, such as by impregnation. A preferred method of
impregnation is described in U.S. Patent 6,358,882 which is incorporated by reference

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